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Commanders Corner: Well it's been a while since your fearless leader sat down to scribble the commanders corner. Wow the year 2004! I have to admit I'm somewhat disappointed. When I was a grade-schooler I was told that by now we would all be flying to work in hovercraft or wearing rocketpacks. The vehicles of today differ only slightly from what we had back in the 60's. And forget the Atomic powered houses of the future. With another Thanksgiving behind us I wish to comment for a moment on some

of the things that I am thankful for. The year 2003 has been tough on our armed forces. Much tougher on our enemies. I'm thankful for the men and women who defend this country and our way of life. Because of the constant bombardment of carefully crafted news it is easy to become jaded and forget about the sacrifices of these folks. Just imagine being given a few days to get ready and being sent to a sand filled hot box for months or even years at a time. All the while a group of totally insane terrorists are plotting ways to murder you. Not fun eh? So, while I know it is easy to support our troops when the war news is new and reports are mainly ones of our quick conventional war victory it is now, when times are tough that we must step up to the plate and support our guys when it's not so easy. If you are a religious person please join me in praying for the safe return of Patrick Miller (Former Valley Cadet) who is now in Iraq working as an Army MP. Pat is LtCol. Steve Millers son and a nicer guy you couldn't meet. With the New Year upon us many of us look back at the last year and evaluate what we did and what changes we can make that might make 2004 a better year. In 03 we turned over the Foxhunt Trophy to our friends at St Croix squadron (again!) and while we retained the Model Rocket trophy we didn't have a very spectacular turn out. Those are two items on my list that I'm going to take a personal interest in changing. One the positive side we signed up a number of new members with special talents. Several pilots and a crew of folks from the Northstar SARDOG group. Many of you have already met them for they have been regular trainers at, Black & Blue CAP. Having just finished the level 1 training for them I'm hoping to see them advance in the program and become regular Ground Team members. This new ability will go a long way to making us the a powerful tool for Emergency Services. I'm also happy to see the many promotions and the first ever "trio" of Mitchell awards in the history of the squadron. Also notable is that one of them is the first ever female Mitchell award holder. I hope this is encouragement to all the rest of our members cadet and senior alike to advance. During 03 we had our first of two big time grants. The latest being a grant for Radio Equipment which will soon result in some of you being given a chance to get more "radioactive." We are still planning a Ham Radio class for those of you that want to take your radio education a step further. FUN is the word when your chatting with the folks on the ISS space station or maybe playing radio chess with a Ham in Russia. Congratulations are in order to all our seniors and cadets for their promotions in 2003. Many of you are moving ahead in your jobs in CAP and for this I am grateful. Experience and get it done attitude is what drives a good unit. For those of you stuck at Cadet Basic or

Airman I urge you to push ahead and study your materials. Maybe the most important aspect is this. If you don't test you can't pass! Test regularly!

130th WEBPAGE FACELIFT: For those of you wondering when our web page would get updated wait no longer! Our web page is now beyond huge with 99 pictures and 29 different pages to look at. It includes a whole plethora of interesting information. It's far from perfect however so please report directly to me any broken links at my now top secret email address. I've learned the hard way that having an email address that is machine readable invites numerous web/spam bots to add me to lists for interesting products that I don't need or want.

NATIONAL ACTIVITIES APPLICATION TIME EXTENDED!

All, National HQ Cadet Programs reports 2155 log-ins to the application web page and 1722 of those log-ins completed the application. If we still have cadets that have had problems getting into the on-line application tell them to continue to try. They are ready to help them through the "webmaster@cap.gov" link. Ch Mikitta

Dr Drill:

Identification of the right and left hand may be accomplished by the following procedure given here in the indicated sequence:

- 1) With arms parallel, or nearly parallel, place both hands upon the surface of the table, work-bench or other flat, horizontal furniture or equipment surface.
NOTE: It is assumed that the person in question has two hands, which is generally the case. In situations other than the one assumed, the procedure given here is not applicable.
- 2) Note whether the two thumbs are the two similar digits of the respective hands that are in the closest relative proximity. If this is the case then step 3 can be omitted.
- 3) Counter-rotate the two hands so as to accomplish



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the criterion of step 2. WARNING: Neither hand should be rotated more than 180 degrees. Should this appear to be required then rotation in the opposite direction is indicated to prevent injury.

4) Observe the relative position of each thumb with respect to its corresponding hand. With the thumb outstretched, one hand will appear in the shape of the letter "L" with the thumb providing the bottom (horizontal) line of the "L", while the other hand will create a backwards "L".

5) With a suitable marker, mark the hand which appears as a backwards "L" with the letter "L" and the other hand with the letter "R".

6) After accomplishing the above steps, the hand with the "L" on it will be the right hand while the hand with the "R" on it will be the left hand.

Unit Patches (How to)

<http://www.au.af.mil/au/afhra/wwwroot/heraldry/heraldry.html>

US Army Cadet—ROTC information

<http://www.rotc.monroe.army.mil/faqs/>

Prototype Black bird search

<http://www.serve.com/mahood/a-12/index.htm>

ME262 Restoration Site

<http://www.stormbirds.com/project/index.html>

Nasa Space Daily Site!

<http://www.spacedaily.com/>

X Prize!

<http://www.xprize.com/>

For some science fun check out the following link...

<http://www.sci-toys.com/>

The CAP Cadet's Anthem (sorta)

Up in the air, Junior Birdmen;
up in the air, upside down,
Up in the air, Junior Birdmen;
with your noses to the ground.
And when you hear the grand announcement:
that your wings are made of tin.
Well, then you know, Junior Birdmen, it's time to

send your box tops in.

For it takes: 5 box tops, 4 bottle bottoms, 3 coupons, 2 wrappers, and one thin dime!

Actions:

- Make a face mask each time you sing the words, "Junior Birdmen" by lacing your fingers under the chin, then twisting your hands outwards so that you make goggles for the eyes with your thumbs and index fingers.
- On "Upside down," perform a jet plane swoop outstretched arms.
- On "Ground," bring the swooping arms as near to the ground as possible.

ENCAMPMENT PREP SOUTH — Attention all Cadets!

I am extending this deadline to the 15th of January, as I am still looking for a few more cadets willing to take the time to prepare other cadets for Encampment. I will also accept applications from those wishing to attend the EPS as basic cadets. Remember, if you haven't yet been to a Minnesota Wing Encampment, EPS is a good place to start.

The date has been set for Encampment Preparatory School - South to be held at the Red Wing Composite Squadron Hangar.

Encampment Preparatory School - South will be held 12-14 March 2004. I am now taking applications for Cadet Staff All interested applicants must have attended an Encampment and either NCOS or BCOC.

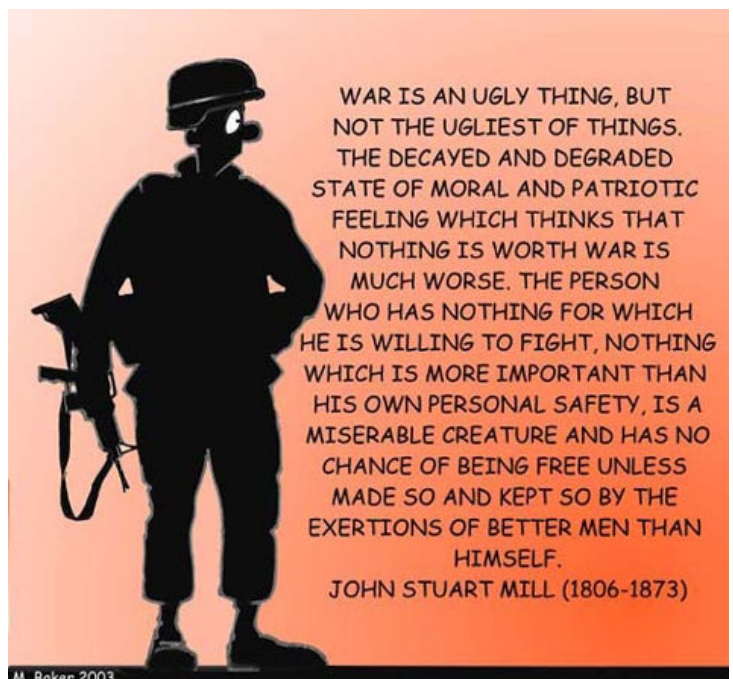
I am also accepting applications for basic cadets who haven't yet attended an Encampment.

If you are interested, please send a CAPF 31 (and a resume if you have one prepared) to:

1Lt Mari Lucas
EPS - South Commander
802 N Garden Street
Lake City, MN 55041

Due date for staff applications is 15 January 2004. I am hoping to have a meeting with all members of the Cadet Staff prior to the beginning of the activity. Due date for basic applications is 27 February 2004.

Mari Lucas, 1Lt, CAP
Encampment Preparatory School - South
Commander



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